The stage is set for Bob Hope

MANITOWOC — The countdown has been completed. Now it's showtime.

After arrival this afternoon at the Manitowoc airport, comedian Bob Hope was scheduled to be whisked to the Capitol Civic Centre for a pre-dinner rehearsal, then on to his luxurious "presidential suite" at Fox Hills Resort, Mishicot.

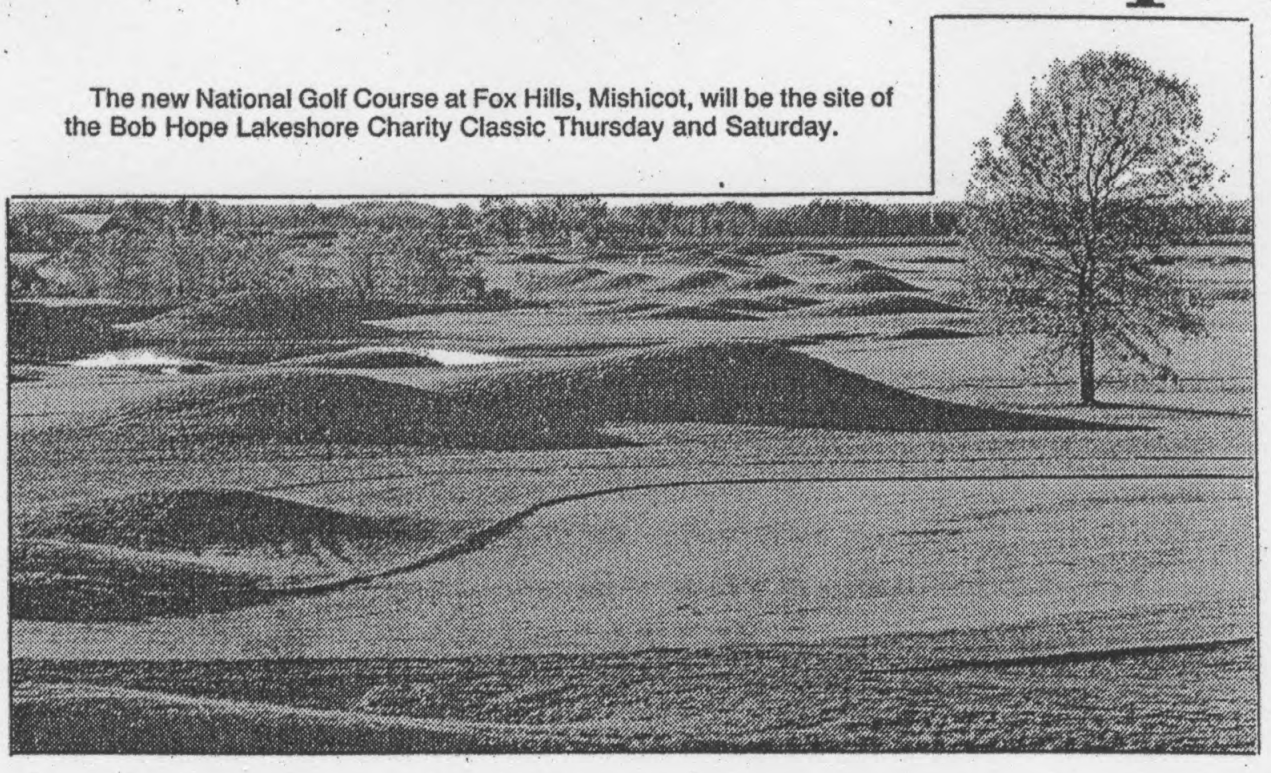
Hope and his wife Dolores will open the first of their four-night run of performances 8 p.m. tonight at the Capitol. They'll also be on stage there Thursday through Saturday nights.

A ticket check with the theater Wednesday morning revealed there are still seats available for the performances.

The Bob Hope Lakeshore Charity Golf Classic will get underway 1 p.m. Thursday on the new National Course at Fox Hills. Teams of players who have paid for the privilege will golf one hole each with the legendary personality. Dolores will tee off approximately a half hour earlier with women players. The Classic also will be played on Saturday with another lineup of teams.

Excitement on the course will mount as players pit their skills for a "shot at the big one," an island/water hole-in-one contest paying $25,000. Another big prize event will be the chance to win a trip for two to the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in January at Palm Springs, Calif. The winner will receive airfare, $500 in fun money, and an opportunity to play golf with Hope at Morningside Country Club, a Jack Nicklaus designed course at Palm Springs.

The new National Golf Course at Fox Hills, Mishicot, will be the site of the Bob Hope Lakeshore Charity Classic Thursday and Saturday.



Players' receptions and Charity Auctions at Fox Hills will precede the golf-outs.

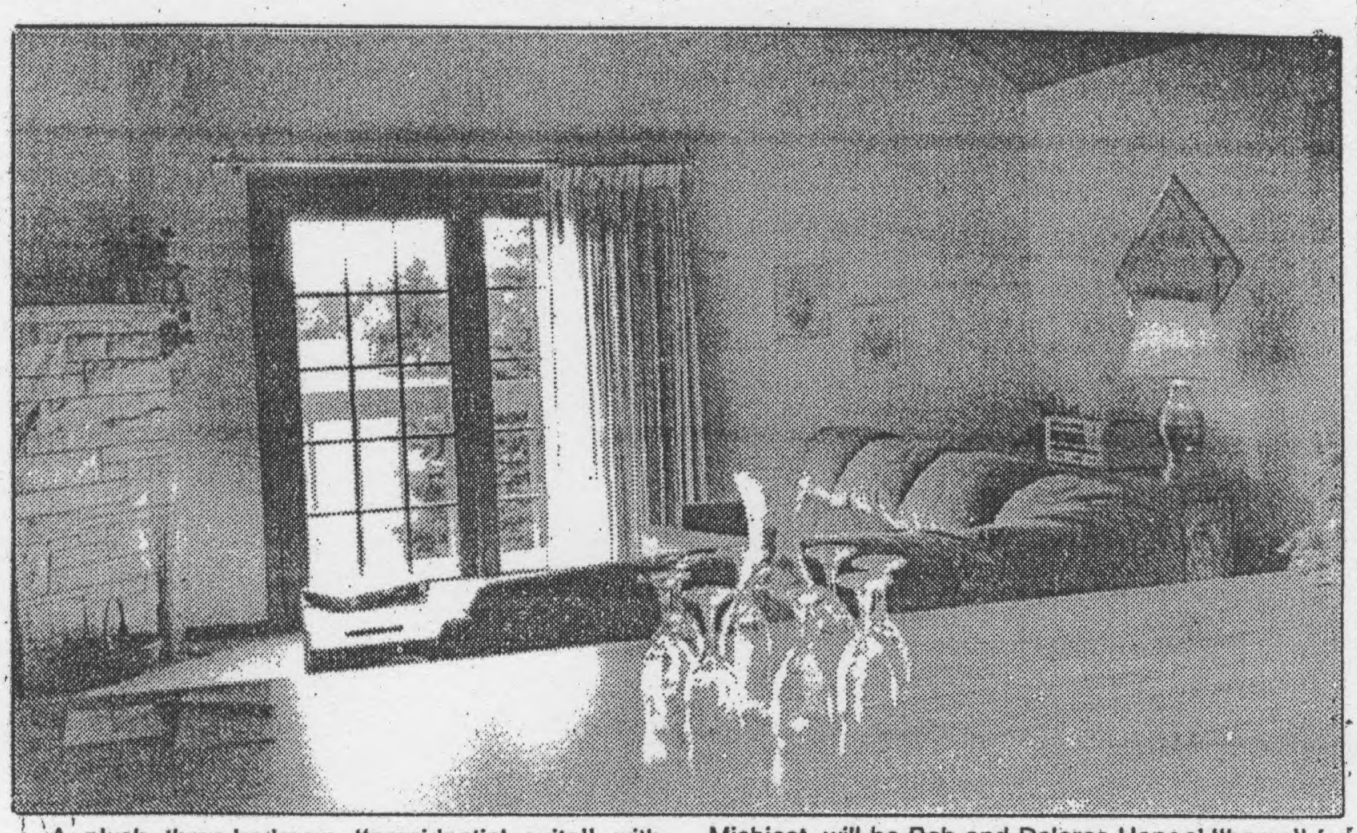
With a $10 ticket, the public may follow the golf events from the gallery. These tickets are available at Fox Hills.

All events have been designed as a benefit for Lakeshore Health Services Corporation of Manitowoc County. The new corporation was formed to oversee the consolidated operations of Two Rivers Community Hospital and Manitowoc Memorial Hospital. Lakeshore Health Services Corp., announced in June it was bringing Hope to the Lakeshore for benefit performances and the golf event.

Objectives of the benefit are two-fold, according to Ray Wimmer Jr., president of Lakeshore Health Services. "We needed to create a community awareness of Lakeshore Health Services, emphasizing the importance of the purpose, goals, and the benefits of the new corporation, and also to raise funds to provide greater access to new health care services and to provide increased quality, convenient, and cost-efficient health care to our community," he said.

Alluding to Hope's worldwide live appearances for benefit causes, Wimmer said, "Being a family man we felt he well represented our family of Lakeshore Health Services Corporation, serving Memorial Hospital, Two Rivers Community Hospital, and Hamilton Memorial Home."

Liebhauser & Associates at Appleton was hired to produce the event.



A plush three-bedroom "presidential suite" with rooms overlooking the golf course at Fox Hills Resort, Mishicot, will be Bob and Dolores Hopes' "home" for their stay in the Lakeshore Area.

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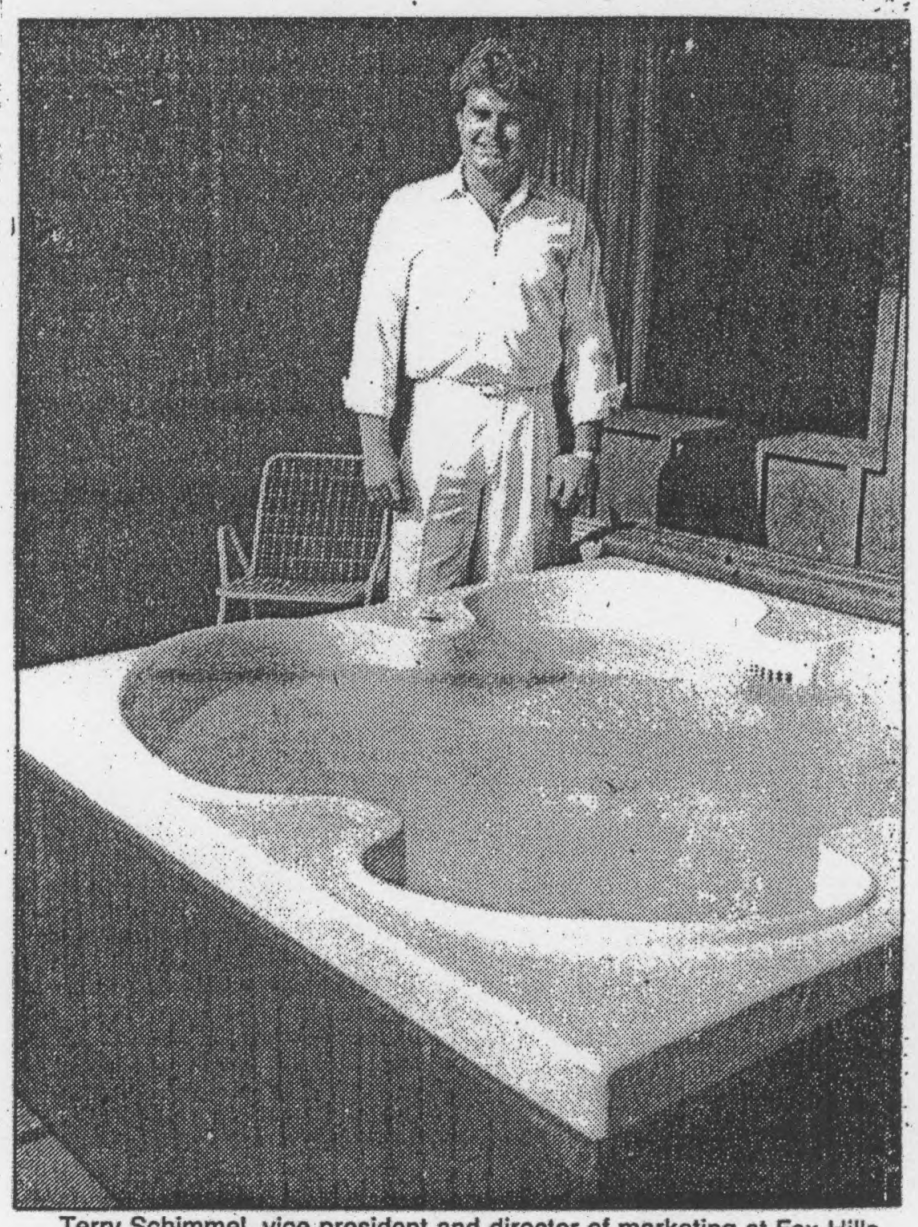

Terry Schimmel, vice president and director of marketing at Fox Hills Resort, Mishicot, checked over the whirlpool tub on the balcony of the